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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



JUDGE ORDERS THE BREAKUP OF MICROSOFT

By Joel Brinkley

A federal judge ordered the breakup of Microsoft Corp., saying the severe remedy was necessary because Microsoft "has proved untrustworthy in the past" and did not appear to accept his ruling that it had broadly violated the nation's antitrust laws.

"There is credible evidence in the record to suggest that Microsoft, convinced of its innocence, continues to do business as it has in the past and may yet do to other markets what it has already done" to dominate operating systems and Internet software, U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said in his final ruling.

Under his order, Microsoft would be broken into separate and competing companies, one for its Windows operating system and one for its other computer programs and Internet businesses. Microsoft would also be forced to comply with a long list of restrictions on its conduct that would last three years, if the breakup order withstands appeal, and 10 years if it does not.

The government charged, and the judge agreed, that Microsoft used its monopoly in operating systems to put competitors at a disadvantage and stifle innovation.

Jackson accepted the government's

remedy proposal in its entirety, attaching it to his ruling, rejecting Microsoft's repeated assertions that the breakup plan was "draconian," "unwarranted" and "bad for consumers, the high tech industry and our economy."

Microsoft said it would take the case to the Court of Appeals, filing the papers within a few days, while the government said it would seek to bypass that court and ask immediate review by the Supreme Court.



MSSA James Nagle of Supply Department's Food Service Division helped prepare more than 2,000 steaks for dinner yesterday. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

NATIONAL NEWS

AT & T DELAYS RATE INCREASE By Stephen Labaton

AT&T gave into pressure from embarrassed federal regulators and outraged consumer groups on Wednesday and said that it would put off a planned rate increase for tens of millions of customers.

The announcement came after a flurry of calls between AT&T executives and the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, William Kennard, who said that the company had broken a promise to reduce over-all phone charges under an agreement reached last week.

Kennard and AT&T had promoted that agreement, under which the FCC reduced the fees paid by long-distance carriers to local phone companies, as a historic rate cut. But at the same time, AT&T filed documents saying it would actually be raising most of the per-minute charges on basic accounts.

"AT&T promised to pass on savings to all consumers," Kennard said. "Their new rate plan does not do that."

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MR. GORE RAISES CAMPAIGN FUNDS By The New York Times

Vice President Al Gore, ever on the prowl for money, has found a new source: American Indians.

Beginning a three-day West Coast campaign swing, Mr. Gore raised nearly \$1 million at three events Wednes-day, including \$400,000 from a group of Indians at a luncheon at the Hilton Hotel in Palm Springs.

CONGRATULATIONS

Enlisted Aviation W arfare Specialist

AT2 Shari Doyle FC1(SW) Ronnie W right

STOCK MARKET

The Nasdaq composite index finished just shy of its best level with an advance of 82.89 points to 3,839.26. The Dow Jones industrial average's rise of 77.29 points to 10,812.86. The Standard & Poor's 500 climbed 13.52 points to 1,471.36.

SATURDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 SPIN CITY

1100 STAR TREK: INSURRECTION

1630 THE MUSE

1810 SHOOT TO KILL

2000 THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT

2200 HARD RAIN

CHANNEL 6

1030 SISTER, SISTER
1100 HOLY MAN
1630 EXCESS BAGGAGE
1810 THAT OLD FEELING
2000 MAN ON THE MOON
2200 SPIES LIKE US
TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GOP PLANS UPBEAT CONVENTION

By Frank Bruni and Alison Mitchell

Hoping to preserve and perpetuate an upbeat tone that has served them well over the last several months, advisers to Gov. George W. Bush say they are fashioning a party convention that will emphasize policy over partisan vitriol and perhaps abandon the frequent practice of devoting one night to an attack on the opposition.

They say they want the second of the four nights, which has often been reserved for such sniping, to adhere to a mostly positive focus on exalting Gov. George W. Bush rather than eviscerating Vice President Al Gore. They want every night to underline a different set or area of Bush's proposals.

And, on a less atmospheric note, they want Gen. Colin Powell and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., front and center, in prominent speaking roles on different nights, so that each of them serves as a separate lure for the fickle and finite attentions of the major television networks.

What is most striking about their plans, at least as they were described in interviews with several of Bush's advisers recently, is the campaign's stated desire to avoid harsh attacks and to try to make the inherently partisan proceedings seem less so.

Ed Gillespie, an adviser to the Bush campaign who is helping to organize the convention, said, "We're going to continue to emphasize what Governor Bush is for, and I don't know that there's time left over for the kinds of bitter attacks that we've seen from both parties' conventions in the past.

CHANCE OF NEW ISRAELI ELECTIONS

By Deborah Sontag

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's government was thrown into tumult Wednesday when parliament, by a substantial majority, approved a preliminary bill to disperse and head toward new elections.

Three of the six parties in Barak's broad coalition voted against him, including the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, which has been the prime minister's most temperamental ally and on Wednesday ensured his defeat.

The bill requires three more hearings to become law, and it could end up being derailed by political maneuvering or the basic desire of members of parliament to cling to their jobs and perquisites. But Wednesday's vote, even if it does not provoke new elections, could break up the governing coalition and create a chaotic interlude at an inopportune moment.

The Israeli-Palestinian final peace talks were supposed to consume Barak's energies this summer. Instead, he may be forced to devote considerable time to domestic negotiations.

Barak kept silent immediately after the vote, which was 61-48. But Wednesday evening, he addressed the nation with a completely unruffled manner. Saying that the Cabinet would meet on Sunday and figure out how to proceed, he advised all Israelis to relax, enjoy the holiday of Shavuout and trust him to restore calm.

"This is not just a government crisis," said Naomi Chazan, a leftist lawmaker. "It's the future of the peace process, and everyone who voted for this is exercising maximum irresponsibility."

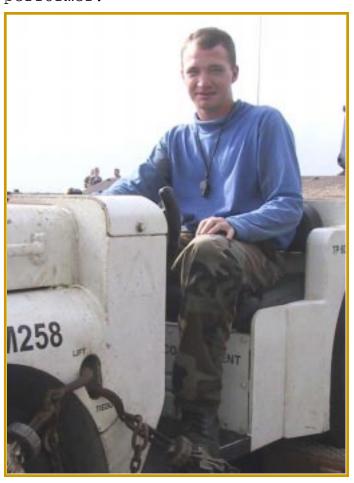


Revolutionary Gator Of The Day

AN Ronald D. Spears
Air Department,
V-1 Division
Hometown: Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin
Qualification: Aircraft Handler/
Tractor Driver

Airman Spears is a highly motivated Flight Deck Handler who has a thorough knowledge of flight deck operations. He is responsible for the transporting and securing of aircraft on the flight deck. He has been a key player in over 11,000 launch and recovery evolutions and 3,180 Aircraft moves without injury or mishaps. Spears is the cornerstone of the air department's mission capabilities. He continually exhibits total dedication to teamwork. Spears strives to improve V-1

Division with training and hard work and possesses that "can do" spirit. He is a real team player and a solid performer.



SPORTS

YANKEES' NEW WEAPON: STEALS

Swiping five bases, the Yankees changed the basic dynamic of the game early, then went on to win, 7-2, over the Expos. After his team's six-run rally in the fifth inning, Orlando Hernandez breezed to his sixth victory, allowing four hits and three walks in eight innings.

INTERLEAGUE SCORES:

Chi. White Sox 6	Cincinnati 4
Los Angeles 11	Texas 6
Oakland 10	San Diego 4
Pittsburgh 4	Detroit 3

St. Louis	4	Kansas City	2
N.Y. Mets	11	Baltimore	3
Philadelphia	5	Tampa Bay	4
Toronto	12	Atlanta	8
Minnesota	2	Houston	0
Cleveland	9	Milwaukee	5
Florida	6	Boston	2

HOCKEY PLAYOFF SCORE:

Dallas Stars 1
New Jersey Devils 0
(New Jersey leads series 3-2)

REPLAYS OF HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL PLAYOFF GAMES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 5 AT 2000 THE FOLLOWING EVENING.